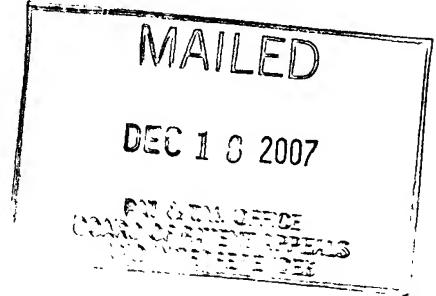


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte KARL-HEINZ

Application No. 10/724,574



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 6, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On August 16, 2007, an Examiner's Answer was entered into the record. Page 3 of the Examiner's Answer cites "EP665252, Okamoto et al." as prior art. The record does not contain an English language translation of the Okamoto reference.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for:

- 1) a full English translation of Okamoto et al. reference;
- 2) providing such translation to the applicant and for scanning into the file; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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